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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

USDA NEEDS TO KNOW NOW WHETHER BERGLAND WILL BE ABLE TO USE
HIS OWN PLANE FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL IN THE USSR. THEY DON'T
WANT TO PUSH HARD FOR PERMISSION TO DO SO; THEY JUST WANT
A YES OR NO ANSWER. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AL TRICK
HAS RAISED THIS WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IS
STILL WAITING FOR A REPLY. IS IT WORTH RAISING AGAIN
WITH THE SOVIETS, OR SHOULD WE SIMPLY TAKE THEIR NON-REPLY
AS NEGATIVE AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY?

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